



Class #77 Water, Skies, Beaches, and Waves in Watercolor and Pencil
Instructor: Lee Mothes
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I know supplies are expensive, so bring what you can. I will share supplies with you if you can't find something.

Watercolor Paper:

Arches brand 140-lb cold-press. 22" by 30" sheets or Arches Cold Press block 11" by 15" or larger.

Canson brand watercolor pads are okay for practice

Drawing Paper:

Stonehenge brand drawing/printmaking 22" by 30" sheets, or
Strathmore 400-Series pads, in various sizes up to 18" by 24"

Drawing tools

Pencils: Faber-Castell brand Nos. HB, B, 2B, 4B (Derwent brand-not so good)

Erasers: White vinyl eraser, kneaded (gray) eraser

Blender (tortillon, stump) for blending or softening graphite marks.

Paints:

I recommend Windsor-Newton Professional or Cotman grades:

Yellow ochre

Naples or Cadmium yellow medium

Hooker's green

Cadmium red medium

Cerulean blue

Cobalt blue

Windsor or Antwerp blue

Mauve or Windsor violet

Permanent Rose

Burnt umber

Burnt Sienna

Payne's Gray

Brushes:

Sable hair is best for watercolor, but expensive. Blick, Micheal's or Hobby Lobby sell inexpensive sets of synthetic-fiber brushes.

1 each round nylon or Taklon No 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

2 each ½" and 1" flat nylon or "aquarelle" brushes

1 each ½" or ¾" wide nylon flat-angled brush

1 each 1½" or 2" wide hake (Japanese-style) soft wash brush

1 each ½" wide or ¾" wide Fritch scrubber for softening painting marks and edges.

Mounting board:

1 or 2 - 12" by 16" piece of matboard, heavy cardboard or corrugated board for mounting smaller paintings.

1 or 2 - 16" by 24" or larger, either Gatorboard or homasote, for stapling down a wet sheet of larger watercolor paper.

Miscellaneous:

Single-edge razor blade

1 bottle of masking fluid, Jack Richeson or Pebeo brands

1 masking fluid removing tool – a 2" by 2" square

Palette - 10" by 13" "San Francisco style" plastic with many small mixing wells.

Spray bottle to keep paints wet

Water container – a cottage-cheese or yogurt container will do.

Roll of paper towels

Roll of Blue painters' tape or masking tape for mounting

Your own ideas and /or photos to work from. (I recommend printing out your photos if you can.) I will also bring some photos to share.

Optional:

Color pencils, either Prismacolor or watercolor pencils

Pastels

Pens such as Micron or extra-fine Sharpies

White opaque gel pen for highlights

Staple gun (light-duty) and ¼" long staples. (I'll bring one to share.)

Also, an old table knife or a letter opener to remove staples.

A tote bag, tackle box or tool box with a handle.

Sources:

Online: Dick Blick has about everything on this list, with competitive prices. Link to website: <https://www.dickblick.com/>

The Artist's Guild Art Supply in Sturgeon Bay, WI (on the way to The Clearing) also stocks nearly everything. Link: <http://artists-guild.com/index.html>

Micheal's carries a good selection, usually at competitive prices. Take some time to look.

Don't forget to bring your own ideas, sketches and/or photos to work from!

See you soon,

- Lee